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Dear Frank,

Congratulations, you have been able to get printed on the pages of PW a review of Q. Powell's work, which is so heavily promoted. Enclosed is an article I wrote for PW back in 1985 which was NOT printed due to opposition by the powers that be of the EAC.

Stick to your guns, you may become unpopular in certain quarters but speaking from experience you'll get used to it!

Sincerely

Roger

REPORT OF REGIONAL EAC MEETING, NY-NJ SECTION

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A regional meeting was held on Saturday, November 1, 1986, for those local EAC members and guests who were able to attend the Grand Central Coin Convention on that date. The site was the Omni Park Central Hotel in mid-Manhattan. The attendance sheet showed the following names:

Warren L. Weiss
Walter Chinoy
Joel Spingarn
Herman Halpern
C. Douglas Smith
Joel Geoffrey
Robert Schonwalter
Steve Tanenbaum
George Cuhaj
Vincent W. Alones
Robert B. Slobins
Russell E. Finnegan
Doug Walcutt
John F. Brady
Mike Ringo
Frank H. Stillinger

Following the usual introductions, the wide-ranging discussion began on a humorous note. The august New York Times had solemnly announced in its October 18 business section that the "Professional Coin Grading Service uses a standard system whereby coins are graded on a scale ranging from Mint State 0 to the top grade of Mint State 70." Several collectors present expressed pleasure at learning that their entire holdings consisted of Mint State specimens, in spite of being scudzy or worse.

A belated book review was presented (by FHS) for Q. David Bowers' United States Copper Coins. Although this is certainly an absorbing and clearly written work, it appears to be flawed occasionally by puzzling opinions and by factual error.

Some of those present had attended the Robinson S. Brown, Jr. sale a month earlier in West Hollywood, California, and had impressions to relate of that singular numismatic event.

Finally, members were exhorted to attend EAC '87 in Dallas, March 19-22, and to consider consigning some choice material to its EAC Sale.

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May 22, 1987

Dear Roger,

Thanks for the note and for the copy of your ill-fated 3-book review. I guess our feelings on Dave Bowers' literary output are about the same.

Apparently you were dealing with the very conservative Dr. Zapp in 1985 when your review was turned down. The present editor of Perry-Wise, Harry Salyards, seems much more willing to publish pointed and even controversial criticism, especially since he has authored his share of exactly that in the past. So don't be reluctant to try again, if you're so inclined!

Sincerely,

Frank